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Applicant : Richard John Thompson
Serial No. : 10/534,904
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For : Conduit Junction with Internal Earth
Examiner : Dhirubhai R. Patel
Art Unit : 2831



INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

- ☐ 1 Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(b)
[within 3 months of filing or prior to 1st Office Action]
- ☐ 2 Certification Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(c)
[before Final Office Action or Allowance]
- ☒ 3 Fee Payment Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(c)
[before Final Office Action or Allowance]
- ☐ 4 Petition, Certification & Petition Fee Payment Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(d)
[before issue fee payment]

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Sir:

The following are submitted in the above-identified application in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 & 1.98:

- ☒ 5 A list of documents on form PTO-1449 together with copies of each identified document and a translation or a concise explanation of each non-English language document is enclosed herewith.

This paper is submitted in accordance with:

- ☐ 6 37 CFR 1.97(b): [within 3 months of filing or prior to 1st Office Action]
- ☒ 7 37 CFR 1.97(c): [before Final Office Action or Allowance, whichever is earlier]; and
- ☐ 8 The required certification made in item 11 below; or
- ☒ 9 The \$180.00 fee specified in 37 CFR §1.17(p) for submission of Information Disclosure Statement is authorized in item 14 below.

- ☐ 10 37 CFR§ 1.97(d): [before issue fee payment]; and
- (a) This is a petition for consideration of the subject Information Disclosure Statement. The petition fee (\$130.00) required by 37 CFR 1.17(i)(1) is authorized in item 14 below. (Direct this letter to "Attention PETITIONS EXAMINER" and if applicable include batch locator information: e.g., "Allowed Files, Batch _____, Date of Allowance _____"), and
- (b) The required Certification is stated in item 11 below.
- ☐ 11 Certification
- ☐ 12 Each item of information contained in this Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement or
- ☐ 13 No item of information contained in this Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the person signing this document after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c) more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Statement.
- ☒ 14 Please charge the applicable fee of \$180.00 associated with the submission of this Information Disclosure Statement to the credit card indicated on the attached credit card Authorization Form. Please charge any additional fees or credit any over payments to Deposit Account No. 50-2828. An original and one (1) copy of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully Submitted,
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LIST OF REFERENCES CITED BY APPLICANT

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*Ex. Intls.		Document No.	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date
	AA	5,541,363	7/30/96	Weiss et al..	174	50	12/10/93
	AB						
	AC						
	AD						
	AE						

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

*Ex. Intls		Document No.	Date	Country	Name	Class	Sub-class	Translation Yes/No
	AF							
	AG							
	AH							
	AI							
	AJ							

OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	AK		
	AO		
	AP		

EXAMINER: _____ DATE CONSIDERED: _____

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FEE TRANSMITTAL
For FY 2006☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)

Complete if Known

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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)☐ Check ☒ Credit Card ☐ Money Order ☐ None ☐ Other (please identify): _____☒ Deposit Account Deposit Account Number: 50-2828 Deposit Account Name: Jack Schwartz

For the above-identified deposit account, the Director is hereby authorized to: (check all that apply)

☐ Charge fee(s) indicated below☐ Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee☒ Charge any additional fee(s) or underpayments of fee(s) under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17☒ Credit any overpayments**WARNING:** Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.**FEE CALCULATION (All the fees below are due upon filing or may be subject to a surcharge.)****1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES**

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims
- 20 or HP =	x	=		Fee (\$)

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
- 3 or HP =	x	=	

HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3.

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If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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4. OTHER FEE(S)

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): IDS\$180.00**SUBMITTED BY**

Signature

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This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.136. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 30 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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